Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Office of the Speaker H-232 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 Majority Leader Steny Hoyer Office of the Majority Leader 1705 LHOB Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer:

As Co-Chairs of the Safe Climate Caucus, we respectfully request the continuation of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis in the 117th Congress.

The climate crisis not only continues but worsens with each passing day without robust federal action. The Select Committee is well positioned to analyze the holistic work needed and provide resource support to the Congressional response. In the 116th, the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis has done tremendous work to outline cohesive needs and legislation addressing the climate crisis. The first report published by the committee, "The Congressional Action Plan for a Clean Energy Economy and a Healthy, Resilient, and Just America," is an extensive and thorough action plan for Congress to reverse the effects of climate change, create millions of jobs and eventually achieve net-negative emissions.

The temporary nature of a select committee is contingent on completion of its designated duties, and it is becoming increasingly clear that this fight will not be over soon. We are excited to have the President-elect focused on climate across all sectors of his administration. It is imperative that we have an organizing tool that can do the same. The situation is dire, and no time can be wasted. The continued existence of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis will be to continue to develop and cultivate the policy recommendations that address and avert a lethal threat to our ecosystem and existence.

In this light, we ask that you renew the House Select Committee on The Climate Crisis in the 117th Congress.

Sincerely,

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